

REMARKS

Claims 32-56 are pending in the application. Claims 42-55 have been allowed. Claims 32 and 56 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the entire case is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Specification

The Cross-Reference to Related Application section has been amended to indicate that the parent case is "now U.S. Patent No. 6,724,149", as requested by the Examiner.

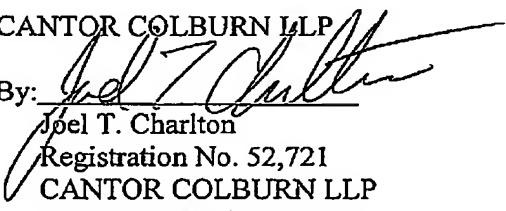
Claim Objections

Claims 32 and 56 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to more clearly define Applicants' claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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